Qualification for Appointment of food Inspector

542. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Committee for Food. Standards had tn its 23rd Meeting in the year 1976-77 set up a panel for studying and defining the qualifications for the appointment of Food Inspectors with a view to prevent the adulteration in food articles;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Food Inspector thus acts also as Veterinary Officer in view of prohibition in the sale of adulterated meat unfit for human consumption in the interest of public health;

(c) whether Government have since prescribed degree in Veterinary Science as a qualification for the appointment of Food Inspector as recommended by the Central Committee for Food Standards in its 24th Meeting in the year 1977; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for inserting the qualification of degree in veterinary Science for the appointment of Food Inspector? \

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARATHA): (a) to (d) The Central Committee for Food Standards in its 23rdmeeting held in the year 1976 set up a panel for prescribing the necessary qualific ation and experience for the appoint ment of Food Insptctors. Based on the recommendation of the panel and suggestions received from the State Governments, the Central Committae on Food Standards, in its meeting held in December, 1977, recommended that graduate in Veterinary Science be included as one of the qualifications for Food Inspector for ensuring qual ity of milk and milk products and meet and meat products. Accordingly graduate in Veterinary Science has been prescribed as one of the qualifi cation for Food Inspectors.

बिहार में कालाआजार के कारण मौतें

543. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :**
श्री कृष्ण कुमार बिरला :
श्री चतुरानन मिश्र :
श्री जगदीश जानी :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में कालाआजार से हजारों लोग मर रहे हैं, यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान हर वर्ष इस बीमारी के कारण कितने लोगों की मृत्यु हुई ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस महामारी पर नियंत्रण के लिए भी वैसा ही अभियान चलाने का विचार रखती है जैसाकि चेचक के मामले में किया गया था ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस महामारी पर काबू पाने के लिए अन्तराष्ट्रीय संगठनों से सहायता मांगी है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में उठाए गए कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है, और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान बिहार में कालाआजार के कारण हुई सूचित की गई मौतों की वर्षवार संख्या इस प्रकार है '–

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